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#### Sir:

Applicant requests the status of the above-entitled application, as to which it is awaiting a first Office Action. It is noted that seven of the ten related applications filed by Applicant on July 15, 2003 were acted upon in Actions mailed by Examiner Blackner in the second half of December, 2003. The undersigned has been unsuccessful, however, in attempting to contact Examiner Blackner and Examiner Carone by telephone regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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